



# Guardian

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## Golf Classic XXII

**G**olf Classic XXII was a resounding success, despite the fact that for the first time in its 22 year history, rain caused the postponement of the event scheduled for September 27th. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule for October 25th, and were rewarded with a beautiful day.



*Brad Huntington, Ray Castellano and Gary Greiner look ready to play.*



*Gabe Martiin, Britney Starck, Lynn Manganaro and Johnathan Kim are ready to golf.*



*Getting a little practice time before the game.*

The vast majority of our golfers were able to readjust their schedules, allowing them to be part of this annual event. Shortly after 10:00 a.m., golfers began arriving for registration where they received their goody bags, and then proceeded to practice their putting or socialize until lunch was served. At 12:30 p.m. it was time to get down to serious play. By 5:30 p.m. everybody began gathering for the cocktail hour and buffet dinner. While enjoying the delicious food, there were opportunities to buy raffle tickets for a variety of prizes, purchase a ticket for the Fair Share Raffle, or bid for one of the many Silent Auction or Sealed Bid items that were available. Golfer awards were presented by **Golf Committee Chairperson Rick Wright** during this time, and finally, the Fair Share Raffle winners were announced. **Janice Zarro, John Adams** and **Shane Branker** were the winners, receiving 25%, 15% and 10% of the money raised by sales of The Candle Lighter Fair Share Raffle. As the evening drew to a close, people gathered up their belongings, any prizes they had won or auction items they had successfully bid on, and headed towards home. It had been a wonderful day. They had enjoyed themselves, and at the same time, helped The ARC of Essex County in its mission to provide programs and services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The date for next year's **Golf Classic XXIII** is already



*Stuart Applebaum, Bruce Bird, Robert Pomante and Mike Taylor on the green at Rock Spring Club in West Orange.*

scheduled for **September 26, 2011**, and we know many of our friends will again be joining us. If you have never been involved in this event, think about supporting us next year either as a golfer or a sponsor. We do have room for **YOU**.

Credit for our successful Golf Tournament is the result of many people and groups working together to ensure that this event is the best it can be. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who help out on the course, at registration, selling raffle tickets and assisting where needed. Pictures of our corporate sponsors were taken by **Bev Weiss**, and were ready that evening for the sponsors. Finally, thank you to our golfers and sponsors for making this the most financially successful Golf Tournament of the past several years. Without all of you, this would not be possible.



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The carts are ready to roll.



A little practice never hurts.

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Ready for an afternoon of golf are John Defeo, Mike Franchino, Steve Delargy and Warren Leshner.

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*Enjoying dinner and conversation are John Defeo, Mike Franchino, Bruce Bird, Dawn Bonelli, Stuart Applebaum and Linda Lucas.*



*What's looking good for lunch?*

## How you can help...VEHICLE DONATION

The ARC of Essex County will gratefully accept donations of your used cars, vans or trucks.

Vehicle donations made to a charitable non-profit organization are tax deductible.

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- Support the mission of The ARC of Essex County



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## Consumers Helping Community

Consumers from the Livingston CRC (Community Resource Center) are helping their community. Recently, they picked up food donations from a Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Abraham in Livingston, and delivered them to St. Philomena's Church in Livingston for The Rock CAN Roll organization, a volunteer, non-profit group. The group works with rock concerts and other



Suhailah Ansari of the Livingston CRC Program helping out by delivering food.

events to collect healthy, nutritious, non-perishable food for distribution to local agencies and individuals in need of support. Livingston CRC enjoys the work and appreciates the opportunity to give back to their community. They are excited about this new connection and look forward to their next assignment.

## Busy Times at SWOP

SWOP (Supportive Work Opportunities Program) celebrated their 2nd Annual Consumer Awards Picnic this August. The day celebrated a year of hard work and improvement. Consumers and staff enjoyed a day of relaxation, eating and participating in recreational activities. Awards were given in recognition of individual consumer's strong points. **Jamal Westler** was **Most Improved**, while **Richard Walker** and **Charles Fasano** received the **2010 Leadership Award**. Personality awards were presented to **Rugayyah Harris** for SWOP's **Diva** and **Elta Tunis** as **Biggest Flirt**. SWOP consumers chose staff awards selecting **Michelle Warren** as **Nicest Staff**, **Assistant Manager**, **Tereese Marshall** received **Toughest Staff** and **Manager Rebecca Woods** won for **Funniest Staff**. The day ended with a traditional SWOP water fight that included consumers and staff, leaving everyone happy and excited.

Assistant Manager Tereese Marshall has revamped afternoon activities at the program. Activities now include a photography class, cooking class, women's and men's group, a money skills class and a weight watchers group. The weight watchers group is excited to start their "Biggest Loser" competition. Consumers involved in this group will have a confidential weigh-in and weight goal set. Over a six month period, they will be educated about nutrition and given exercises that can be done at home. Consumers will be weighed weekly and progress will be documented on a chart showing their weight loss. A \$25 American Express Gift Card will be given to the consumer who reaches his weight goal by April.



## Get Ready to Run

Now that the New York City Marathon is over, you can think about the **13th Annual Building Tomorrows 5K Run/2 Mile Walk** which will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Brookdale Park in Bloomfield**. If you are a serious runner, you should know that our Run is a USATF certified event. However, this event is not just for serious athletes. We welcome everyone – the committed runner, the weekend runner, the first-time runner. The idea is to support the mission of The ARC of Essex County. We hope to see you in April as a runner, a walker, a spectator or a sponsor. Applications will be available in early February and information will also be available on our website [www.arcessex.org](http://www.arcessex.org). For additional information, contact Kristy Hartman, Director of Fundraising & Communications at (973)535-1181, ext. 1224.



### ARCompany Gifts

**REMINDER:**  
*The holidays are approaching!*

**ARCompany will be selling Christmas treats and Christmas baskets.**

**To place your orders for these items, please call**  
**Susan Bertoldo**  
**at ARCompany,**  
**(973) 674-2278/2235.**



## Consumers Hold Kickball Tournament

REACH CRC (Community Resource Center) hosted the First Annual Kickball Tournament. The best players from each program participated, along with an enthusiastic group of cheerleaders. Players had the opportunity to display their physical abilities and interact with others. The participants not only had fun, but also had the chance to socialize with peers and staff from other programs and develop more relationships. ARCompany, who had just lost a member of their team, Kevin Walsh, came out strong and played with heart, taking first place. They received their trophy in an emotional closing ceremony. REACH CRC was the first runner-up, and were satisfied with their overall performance. SWOP (Supportive Work Opportunities Program), one of the happiest and most enthusiastic teams, showed their competitive spirit from the very first day. Community Link, Opportunity Zone and Livingston CRC were the other participating teams who exhibited commitment and dedication. Although they did not play, Creative Visions gave their support to all the teams. Overall, the experience was fantastic, leaving a smile on everyone's face, and the Adult Day Services Department is looking forward to next year's tournament.



The winning team from ARCompany with their trophy and a picture of Kevin Walsh.



Consumers and staff from REACH gather for a team picture.

## Fire Prevention Week Lessons



Anne Rotonda Manager of SYA with Richard Heeny, SYA consumer and Nutley fireman.

The Nutley Fire Department came to SYA (Special Young Adults) on October 6, which was during Fire Prevention Week, and conducted a fire drill. The consumers were able to use the fire hose and also get important information about fire prevention. Thanks to the members of the Nutley Fire Department for giving of their time.

## Cooking with ARCompany

On September 23rd, ARCompany hosted an apple festival. All the day programs picked their favorite apple recipe, went apple picking and then prepared their apple dish to be judged that day. Three judges, Shirley Allison, Tim Ganning and Mrs. Bettie Strickland, tasted all the recipes and then had to decide on the winners. Creative Visions was the winner with their Waldorf salad. 1st runner-up was Reach who baked a cinnamon apple cheesecake; 2nd runner-up was SWOP who made baked apple granola; 3rd runner-up was Avenues with their apple crunch. The consumers had a great time tasting all the dishes and seeing their friends from the various programs.

## Find The ARC on Facebook

The ARC of Essex County is now on **Facebook**. If you are a Facebook user, we hope you will become our friend and also spread the word to those you know who will benefit from our information.

We will be using Facebook to highlight our programs and share relevant and important information, as well as to promote upcoming events. We hope you will visit our page often and provide helpful, positive comments. Remember, the more friends we have, the more successful this will be. See you on Facebook!

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## Livingston Library Program Remains Popular

The Adult Social Hour which began just over a year ago at the Livingston Public Library has been a program that many consumers look forward to attending. The first Tuesday night of each month is a change in environment for the ARC and Jewish Services for the Developmentally Disabled participants who take part in this program. They have enjoyed several holiday themed craft nights where they demonstrated their artistic sides through creative means.

For Halloween, participants decorated their own pumpkins and made scary sugar cookies with icing and candy corn. Everyone relished the idea of creating something that they could eat afterwards. A similar experience was enjoyed in

November when they decorated their own hand crafted turkey fans which were made by gluing on the eyes and tail and then adorning the turkey with stickers to produce the best embellished turkey fan.



*Ashwood residents Berneda Fields and Richard Trimarco admire their turkeys.*



*West Caldwell residents Charlie Thomas, Barbara Ermatinger and Diane Kennedy working on their crafts.*

The number of participants at the program has been increasing, and we look forward to having more people at our sessions. Be sure to join us on December 7th for Holiday/Winter crafts, on January 4th for Movie Night and on February 1st for our Valentine Extravaganza. Also, please remember to sign up for our other upcoming hit, Bingo Nights on January 14th. Come out and join us as we get together to have a great time.

To sign up for the Library Social Hour or Bingo Night, please call (973) 535-1181, ext. 1247.

## Halloween Fun

Some of The ARC of Essex County's recreation participants joined with The ARC of Union County as they hosted a Halloween party at their Family Center in Mountainside on October 29th. The group met with friends and co-workers, some of whom reside in group homes in Essex and Union County. A merry, scary time was had as everyone sang, danced and enjoyed snacks and prizes. Our very own Donna Falchetto won the prize for the best dressed costume as Cinderella. She glowed happily



*Donna Falchetto, Henry Polite, Lori Tesei and David Lakra enjoy their Halloween celebration.*

as she accepted her award. Other participants were also in costume, including Henry Polite as Dracula, Lori Tesei as a doctor and David Lakra in cowboy attire. They all congratulated Donna on her win, and the party wrapped up for the night.

## ARC Participates in Award Program



*Anibal Ramos, Director Dept. of Citizen Services; Al Ianacone, ARC Associate Executive Director; Joseph N. Di Vincenzo, Jr. Essex County Executive and Philip B. Alagja, Chief of Staff with check awarded to The ARC of Essex County.*

Albert Ianacone, ARC Associate Executive Director, attended an awards program for Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Services Grant recipients on October 21st, where The ARC of Essex County was presented with a check for \$9,000 for community recreational services. This is a federal program that funds projects to help our communities and provide essential services to our residents.

## Self-Advocacy Conference

Participants from SWOP (Supportive Work Opportunity Program) took part in The ARC Day Programs annual Self Advocacy Conference at Maplewood Recreation Center on October 28th. Subject matters included Men's and Women's Health Issues, NJ Law and Legal Issues, Work Rules and You, Bureau of Guardianship Services, and Recreation Activities. There was a brief story telling segment to encourage our consumers to be strong and face the lion even when it appears that they only have the strength of a mouse. The conference empowered those attending to advocate for themselves.

The conference was a success thanks to the many people who supported and participated in this event. We appreciate the efforts of our presenters from the QACSS(Quality Assurance and Clinical Support Services), Laurie Best from The ARC Recreation Department, Al Ianacone, ARC Associate Executive Director, Devin Walsh from the Bureau of Guardianship and Kathy Acox who coordinated the event. The SWOP participants enjoyed the day and learned from the various presentations. Everyone is looking forward to next year's conference.



**Staff:** Kathy Acox, Sandra Stokes, Rebecca Woods, Tereese Marshall, and Melissa Boyd  
**Consumers:** visible Kevin McCowan, Nadiuska Negron  
**With their backs:** Nikita Brown, Antawine Adams, Lisa Pinkney and Diane Kennedy



**Consumers** Gayle Goodwin, Nadiuska Negron, Greg Darcy and Charles Fasano attended the NJ State Wide Self-Advocacy Conference.

## RICOH "Rolls" for The ARC



The Ricoh volunteers on the job at Community Link.

**R**ICOH Corporation, through the United Way, arrived early Saturday morning, October 23rd to paint the Community Link adult activity center in Fairfield. It started when Judy Bellina received a call from Tina Gargiulo of the United Way of North Essex looking for an opportunity for one of their corporate donors, RICOH, to do a volunteer project for their Volunteer Day.

Tim Ganning did his usual thorough research and designated Community Link to be painted. Melissa Soules became the liaison for the project, explaining the key focus of the project, arranging for the center to be opened and closed that day and providing refreshments of coffee and doughnuts. Supplies were gathered by Tim's department and some prep work was done in advance of the volunteers arrival.

A total of 23 volunteers consisting of employees and family members arrived between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. in their LIVE UNITED tee shirts to begin the paint job. Three hours and 17.5 gallons of paint later, the Community Link activity center had a fresh new look. What a phenomenal job the RICOH volunteers did. We want to thank the following volunteers who came out to give new life to the Community Link activity center: **Grace Baretto, Sydelle Baretto, Barbara Billitz, Anthony Bumbaco, Steve Bumbaco, Edward Carillo, Jennifer Carillo, RJ Carillo, Debbie Dowd, Jenna Giordano, Mark Levine, Lina Lyow, Peter Mc Nerney, Gordon Marzano, David Obeso, Kristy Svec, Sihan Wang, Jeff Wilson, Isabel Yau, Mark Yau, Melody Yau, Dennis Yu and Mary Zavada.** Volunteers build better tomorrows for all those we serve at The ARC of Essex County.

## Robert Laurino Receives Award

Robert Laurino, immediate past President of The ARC of Essex County, was honored on October 21st when he received the 2010 Ann Klein Advocate Award. This award is given to those who have made extraordinary contributions to improving the lives of people with disabilities. His professional life as a member of the Essex County Prosecutors Office since 1980, where he is now Acting Essex County Prosecutor, has afforded him opportunity to act as an advocate for crime victims with disabilities. One of his most well-known cases occurred in Glen Ridge where a young woman with a developmental disability was sexually abused by a group of high school athletes. Following this case, he became an advocate for crime victims with disabilities. He has assisted several law enforcement agencies with developing training programs for working with crime victims who have disabilities, and has lectured nationally on issues related to the abuse of individuals with developmental disabilities. Congratulations to our good friend, Robert Laurino on this prestigious award presented by the Community Health Law Project, which is a state wide legal services program for persons with Developmental Disabilities.

## *New School Year at Stepping Stones*



*James Hahn smiles for the camera with Livingston's Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Francione.*



*Students Sean Barsa and Grace Ames are excited to be back at school!*



*David Smergaliuolo Jr. poses with his grandmothers on Grandparent's Day.*

Students returned to school ready for another exciting and busy year. Several new faces have joined the Stepping Stones family as our school community continues to expand. Students have participated in a variety of programs, special events and activities to expand their learning and curiosity.

Back to School Night, held in September, was an opportunity for parents to meet the staff, other parents and become more acquainted with the school program. Parents heard presentations from the principal, social worker and therapists, and then viewed a slideshow that depicted scenes from the opening weeks of school. Later, they visited their child's classroom and met the teachers who shared plans and expectations for the rest of the school year.

Each month students participate in various theme days. September 24th was Pirate Day, and eye patches, mustaches and temporary tattoos were given out as students went on a treasure hunt. Picture cards were used to lead the children to a treasure chest full of coins and other goodies. The children thoroughly enjoyed this day.

Fire Prevention Month in October brought a visit from the Livingston Fire Department, complete with fire truck.

Each child had an opportunity to try on firefighter gear and spray the fire hose. Thank you to Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Francione for teaching the children about fire safety and prevention.

Grandparents' Day on October 21st gave grandparents the chance to spend the morning at school with their grandchildren. They were able to speak to the staff about the educational program, and see a typical school day. There was a great turnout, and children and grandparents enjoyed the experience.

Fall Festival took place on October 22nd, when Mountainside Stables from Lafayette, NJ brought a petting zoo with a llama, donkey, sheep and other animals to Stepping Stones. Livingston ShopRite donated the pumpkins for the pumpkin patch, and the children enjoyed many activities. Thanks to The Candle Lighters for making this day possible.

The Stepping Stones annual Halloween parade and party was October 29th. Parents and siblings watched while students and staff paraded in their costumes. Pirates, animals and Disney characters were the most popular costumes. Following the parade, there was a party in the gym with special snacks made for this spooky occasion.

## *Healthcare Grant*

In July, The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey awarded The ARC of Essex County \$46,174 for a yearlong project entitled Health Monitoring for Seniors with Developmental Disabilities. The funding is being used to provide daily on-site nursing support services to our adult senior center, Avenues. As we approach the midway point of the project, The ARC of Essex County could not be more pleased with the positive outcome resulting from this generous grant. Each senior who attends the Avenues program had an initial assessment done to help establish baseline health markers. Each week, the seniors benefit from a health check provided by our nurses. As a result, 11 individuals have been given health maintenance goals in their annual individual habilitation plans to promote healthy living choices. Families have also expressed their satisfaction with the grant. The nurses have helped to clarify medication questions and provided support to families with medical issues facing their family member. The nurses are also

having training sessions for agency staff with topics related to senior health issues. The first training was held October 18th with the topic of infection control and proper hand washing. Each month a new topic will be presented and discussed. The ARC of Essex County is extremely grateful to the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey for this ground-breaking opportunity. Senior related issues are new to our field and this grant is assisting us in creating best practices in serving seniors with developmental disabilities. It is our hope that this close monitoring will help us plan for and identify any health related issues that may arise as early as possible, and help families answer any questions that they may have.



*Fay Hart, agency nurse for the Healthcare Grant. She, along with Jennifer Fay and Sarah Augustine, will monitor all components of the grant.*

## Employee News

**O**n October 15th, 42 employees were recognized for their milestone years of service to The ARC of Essex County. This year's event was held at the Chandelier Restaurant in Belleville, where the invited guests enjoyed lunch and the presentation of awards. The following people were honored for their special anniversaries: 5 Years: Addie Davis, Maria Donaleski, Dorinda Owoo, Lolita Rodriguez, Victoria Robbins and Stephanie Singh-Chang. 10 Years: Charlene Armstrong, Peter Barry, Christy Campbell, Sylvia Cummings, Dina Dieulorme, Nina Duran, Stella Fadoju, Demetrialius Hall, Patricia Hoerner, Phthya Jackson, Gale James, Claudette Jeanty, Tereese Marshall, Gloria Oakes, Catherine O'Connell, Gauntie Pierre, Melissa Soules, Cheryl Walcott, Sherl Williams and Dora Young. 15 Years: Marianne Cavallo, Deorah Closs, Kathleen Hinnigan-Cohen, James Jones, and Anabella Kring. 20 Years: Ingrid Bowens, Andree Davis, Soledad De La Cruz, Elmira Edgar, Agnes Grate Lisa Stefanelli and Sandra Stokes. 25 Years: Barbara Calderone and James Paden. 30 Years: Anne Rotonda. 35 Years: Anitra Wilson.



*Anitra Wilson being congratulated for her 35 years with The ARC by Al Ianacone, ARC Associate Executive Director, Linda Lucas, ARC Executive Director and Bruce Bird, ARC President.*



*Anne Rotonda, with 30 years of service, addresses the group.*



*James Paden smilingly accepts his award for 25 years of service from Linda Lucas and Bruce Bird.*



*Sandra Stokes accepts her award for 20 years of service.*



*Holding their awards for 15 years of service are Kathleen Hinnigan-Cohen, James Jones and Anabella Kring, with Linda Lucas and Bruce Bird.*

***Congratulations to all the honorees.***

***We honor you and your commitment to The ARC of Essex County.***



*10 year honorees receive congratulations from Linda Lucas, ARC Executive Director and Bruce Bird, ARC President.*



*Linda Lucas, ARC Executive Director and Bruce Bird, ARC President, with 5 year honorees.*



# TRIBUTES

Tributes are a beautiful way to acknowledge those you care for, and at the same time, help those in need. To purchase a tribute, please call Bernice Engel at (973) 535-1181, ext. 1227.

## *Tributes from August 16, 2010 - November 17, 2010*

### **SPECIAL OCCASIONS:**

**Congratulations on the birth of Joan & Al Ianacone's granddaughter, Sylvia.**

Kristy Hartman

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

**Dominick Crincoli**

Judy & Peter Bellina

**Therese Dial**

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Barbara Calderone

**Clark Edelman**

Lee & Arthur Bergman  
Kristy Hartman  
Al Ianacone  
Theresa & Steve Roberts

**Caroline Dickens-Peele**

Al Ianacone

**Regina (Jean) Fitzgerald**

Judy Bellina

**Pat Tucker**

Lee & Arthur Bergman  
Judy Bellina  
Kristy Hartman

## **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

The ARC of Essex County is handling the Annual Appeal in a different manner this year. You should have received the Appeal letter in a separate mailing. The Annual Report will be included as an insert with this issue of the Guardian. We hope you will read the letter and the Annual Report, and respond as generously as you can. By including the Annual Report with the Guardian, we will save on our mailing costs, allowing us more opportunity to help those we serve. Donations can also be made by visiting our website, [www.arcessex.org](http://www.arcessex.org). The ARC of Essex County depends on you, our friends and supporters, to help us maintain the quality of the programs and services we provide to individuals and their families in Essex County and surrounding areas. We thank you in advance for your support.



## *Welcome to New Employees*

We are pleased to welcome the following new employees to The ARC of Essex County:

**ADULT RESIDENTIAL:** Samuel Adonoo, Taricha Alcius, Shawana Andrews, JaQuetta Brown, Nocha Charles, Shenella Halley, Oluwasegun (Ray) Ibitokun, Edit h Ihuoma, Johnathan Jackson, Hasana James, Hans Klu, Elizabeth Ndiva, Anne Ndungu, Oluwadunni (Dunni) Obasoto, Omotayo (Tayo) Ogunniran, Samiyah Perry, Johane Romain, Sakira Shipman, Shavonne Thornton, Patrice Walker, Jasmine Williams

**ADULT DAY:** Kenneth Britten, Aquilla Brown, Adebowale (Wale) Lawal, Paola Spadafora

**CHILDREN, FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Oluwatosin (Tosin) Akindunbi, Lois Jenkins, Erin Lombardozi, Ifeoma Okolo

**QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES:** Fay Hart-Denmark



## ***"GUARDIAN ANGELS"***

The ARC of Essex County has received funding from the following foundations from August 2010 - October 2010.

If you know of any networking opportunities for funding, please contact Al Ianacone at (973) 535-1181, ext. 1239.

### **FOUNDATION:**

Provident Bank Foundation

### **PURPOSE:**

Hotel Respite Program

## 1st Time Fundraiser A Success

The ARC of Essex County's first involvement with **The Barclays Tickets Fore Charity** golf event was a success. The event, held at the Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, NJ, allowed people to purchase tickets for either a weekly ground pass or a daily grounds pass to see world renowned golfers play. For each ticket purchased on our behalf, 75% of the proceeds benefited us. Tickets amounting to \$1,900 were purchased, of which \$1,425.90 came back to us. We want to thank everyone who purchased tickets. Feedback from those who attended The Barclays was positive, and many plan to attend again next year, when it will be held at Plainfield Country Club. More information will be available closer to the occasion.

## First Place Finish for The ARC

Thank you to all our supporters who bought tickets and came to Bloomingdale's for the Love Where You Live – the Shopping Event to Support Your Community. The two day event held on October 20-21 was an opportunity to support The ARC of Essex County and get some special values on your shopping. Out of all the charities participating, The ARC of Essex County came in first place with 223 ticket stubs presented over the course of two days. Because at least 100 ticket stubs were handed in, we received additional money from Bloomingdale's, plus another \$500 for being the organization that brought in the most tickets. As a result of tickets sold, stubs turned in during the event, portion of the door sales the days of the event and bonus for most stubs turned in, The ARC earned \$9,737.47. We thank everyone who contributed to our success and to Bloomingdale's for sponsoring this event. A special thank you goes to our own Bloomingdale's Shopping Event Committee members, **Janet Berger, Naomi Berger, Lee Bergman, Carol Boeckel, Matt Cannizzo, Joan Egyes, Gail Haines, Beth Layne, Sandy Lowe, Laurie Silverman** and **Nancy Stein** for their work to make this a successful event.

**Love WHERE YOU Live**  
THE SHOPPING BENEFIT TO SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY.

## In Memory Clark Edelman

On October 13th, The ARC of Essex County lost a dear friend and consumer, Clark Edelman. Clark had lived at our Branch Brook Supervised Apartment Program since 1997, and



had worked at the Northwest Essex Community Center for over 20 years. Clark had been a Board Member of The ARC of Essex County since 1997. He was a world traveler, having visited France, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Mexico, Aruba, St. Thomas, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and many states in the United States. His favorite hobby was photography, and his collection of photos is in the thousands.

Clark was a sweet and gentle man, and a true friend to those fortunate enough to have known him. As one of his friends told everyone at his memorial service, "Clark was a good person, a good friend and a good man." During his time with us, he made many friends and will be greatly missed.

## Early Intervention Program Receives Grant

Thanks to the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation for their \$7,500 grant to the Early Intervention Program at Stepping Stones. This money will be used to support an innovative learning program for infants and



A check from Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation for \$7,500 for the Early Intervention Program at Stepping Stones is presented to Judy Bellina, Coordinator of Stepping Stones Early Intervention Program and Kristy Hartman, Director of Fundraising & Communications by Shirley Terrell and Azhoon Abdulghani from the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation.

toddlers from birth to age three with Down syndrome and other cognitive disabilities. Kristy Hartman, Director of Fundraising & Communications, stressed how important it is to reach these children at a young age. This grant will allow us to continue to deliver this program to those in the community who need it. Lucia Gibbons, Northern New Jersey Regional President for Wachovia, emphasized the importance of Early Intervention by saying "the Stepping Stones Program has helped hundreds of parents and children living in the Essex County area, and it was a priority for us to provide funding to ensure ARC has the necessary resources to keep it going." The Early Intervention Program, which involves parents, trained volunteers and professional staff, appreciates the generosity of the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation for this grant.



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### **Monday, December 13, 2010**

7:30 p.m.

### **The Candle Lighters Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Thursday, January 6, 2011**

7:30 p.m.

### **The Candle Lighters Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Monday, January 10, 2011**

6:30 p.m.

### **ARC of Essex County Board Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

5:30 p.m.

### **ARC Essex Foundation Board Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Friday, February 4, 2011**

5:30 p.m.

### **The Candle Lighter's Tricky Tray**

Hanover Manor, East Hanover, NJ

### **Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

7:30 p.m.

### **The Candle Lighters Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Monday, March 14, 2011**

6:30 p.m.

### **ARC of Essex County Board Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

7:30 p.m.

### **The Candle Lighters Meeting**

123 Naylon Avenue, Livingston, NJ

### **Saturday, April 2, 2011**

Registration: 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

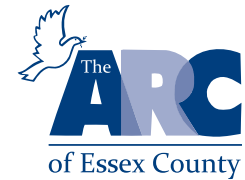
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